

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1, 2, 5 to 8 and 10 to 12, all other claims being cancelled. Claims 4, 8 and 9 were deemed drawn to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 to 3 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by the Wenzel DB 19758346 or the Walker patent or the Brinsen patents. Claims 5 to 7 were rejected as being obvious over the said references. The Examiner stated that Wenzel discloses a guide rail as claimed, including connecting element (8a) and tension element (7'), Walker discloses a guide rail of a linear guide including a tension element (13-15) and Brinson discloses a guide rail as claimed, including a tension element.

Applicant traverses these rejections since the cited does not anticipate or render obvious the invention of the amended claims. Claim 1 is formed by former claim 1 with the added

features disclosed e.g. in Fig. 1 and also in the description on page 7, last para and first para on page 8 and also in former claim 3. Claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 remain unchanged, claims 8 and 9 which already has been allowed by the Examiner have been combined. Claim 12 is formed by former claim 1 with additional features which are disclosed in Fig. 1 and on page 7, lines 13 to 15, and the last para and on page 9, first para. Claim 11 is depending on claim 10 and is disclosed in Fig. 1 and in the description on page 7, lines 18-21. Claim 12 is formed by former claims 1 and 4 which already has been allowed by the Examiner.

Thus, four independent claims have been established, all of them representing one common inventive concept: while claims 1, 10 and 12 describe the structural arrangement of the inventive tensioning element, which in any case comprise the tensioning screw for tightening the rail parts, method claim 8 describes how to use the inventive tensioning element. Claims 1 and 9 are new independent claims, resulting from the fact that original claim 1 has described in more detail the structural arrangement of the inventive tension element:

Claim 1 focusses on the fact, that the invention allows a comfortable tightening by access to the tensioning screw from the top side of the rail. The invention skillfully arrange the end of the bore for the tensioning screw on a surface, which do not disturb the bearing surfaces. Claim 10 in the first place describes a complete tension element and stresses the skillfully arrangement into the rail. Therefore, the claims are free of the prior art and withdrawal of these rejections is

requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' patentable contribution. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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